a head assembly interconnected with the front end of the body housing, the head assembly comprising a head and a neck;

connection means for interconnecting the head assembly to the body housing which allows for movement of the head assembly through a range of motion by wind; and

counterbalancing means comprising a counterbalancing weight substantially equal to the weight of ~~a~~ the head assembly, attached to the head assembly, for balancing the head assembly at an intermediate position along the range of motion with respect to the body housing when the body housing is horizontally positioned, so the head assembly can move along the range of motion in response to wind and without any external force other than gravity.

~~30.~~ 14 The apparatus of claim ~~29~~ 1 wherein the counterbalancing ~~means~~ weight comprises a weighted arm.

~~31.~~ 15 The apparatus of claim ~~29~~ 1 wherein the counterbalancing ~~means~~ weight comprises an arm interconnected with the neck at one end and with a weight at the opposite end.

~~32.~~ 16 The apparatus of claim ~~29~~ 1 wherein the head assembly can move from the ~~neutral~~ intermediate position, forward or rearward along the range of motion.

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33. A decoy apparatus comprising:

a body housing with a front end and a rear end;

a tail assembly interconnected with the rear end of the body housing;

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connection means connecting the tail assembly to the body housing which allows movement of the tail assembly through a range of motion by wind; and

counterbalancing means comprising a counterbalancing weight substantially equal to the weight of the tail assembly, attached to the tail assembly, for balancing the tail assembly at an intermediate position along the range of motion with respect to the body housing when the body housing is in a horizontal position.--

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [1] ~~29~~ 1 wherein the front end of the body housing

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includes a throat area, and the connection means comprises a hook extending from an upper portion of the throat area and a loop located on an upper surface of the neck, the loop being positioned on the hook to hang the head assembly from the body housing.

3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [1] ~~29~~ 1 wherein the front end of the body housing includes a throat area and the connection means comprises a pivot pin extending through corresponding apertures in opposite sides of the throat area of the body housing and the neck, the pivot pin pivotally connecting the head assembly to the body housing.

6 4. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim [1] ~~29~~ 1 further comprising a support stake having an upper end and a lower end, the upper end of the support stake extending into the body housing through a torso aperture in the body housing.

~~8~~ 5. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [1] ~~29~~ 1 wherein a sheet of plastic is attached to the body housing which can be blown up by wind to simulate the strutting of feathers.

~~10~~ 9. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim [1] ~~29~~ 1 further comprising:

a tail interconnected with the rear end of the body housing;

~~second~~ connecting means for connecting the tail to the body housing; and

a ~~second~~ counterweight interconnected with the tail by a second arm attached to the tail, the second counterweight positioned within the body, the second counterweight balancing the tail.

Please cancel claim 1.

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